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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.—PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000. RESERVE FUND, \$4,500,000. PROFIT & LOSS, \$7,500,000.

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INTEREST ALLOWED. ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance. On Fixed Deposits: For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. For 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum. For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. Credit granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China, and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 24, 1889. 368

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250, at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 at any one time.
- 3.—Depositors in the Savings Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- 4.—Interest at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- 5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked *On Hongkong Savings Bank Business* is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, G. E. NOBLE, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 754

To Let.

TO LET.

2ND FLOOR OF HOUSE, No. 64, and 2ND FLOOR OF HOUSE No. 68, Queen's Road Central.

Apply to LAI HING & Co., No. 183, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, July 1, 1889. 1267

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 2, SMITH'S VILLAS, Magazine Gap, a spacious Five Roomed House, with Basement and Out-house. Excellent view. Expected to be ready 1st August next.

Apply to F. BLACKHEAD & Co., Hongkong, July 2, 1889. 1264

TO LET.

ROOMS in "COLLIER CHAMBERS," No. 9, SATCHEL TERRACE.

Apply to DAVID SASSON, SONS & Co., Hongkong, July 8, 1889. 1262

Intimations.

WANTED.

AN EXPERIENCED BOOK-KEEPER.

Apply to DAVID GILLIES, Secretary, Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company, Limited.

Hongkong, October 10, 1889. 1948

THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

Moonlight Excursion Round the Island.

THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

will leave Plover's Wharf at 8.45 p.m. sharp (weather permitting).

Every Evening, DURING CURRENT WEEK.

Tickets can be obtained at the Company's Office, No. 9, Praya Central, up to 8.30 p.m.

Fares:—First-class, \$1.00. Second-class, 0.50.

MUSIC ON BOARD.

A. G. GORDON, Secretary.

Hongkong, October 10, 1889. 1939

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Under-mentioned BANK SHARE CERTIFICATE is hereby transferred to the name of L. MENDEL.

No. B 9071, 1465/66, 4645/50, 50 Shares.

in the name of L. MENDEL.

No. B 9099, 3280/2889, 10 " "

" B 2134, 5390/23, 5734/40, 25 " "

in the name of W. D. SPENCER.

No. B 2269, 2718/2719, 15 " "

together ONE HUNDRED SHARES, HAVE BEEN LOST, and should the same not be produced before the Thirty-first day of December next, NEW CERTIFICATES will be issued to the said L. MENDEL, W. D. SPENCER, and W. H. GARRICK respectively, and the said Certificates B 2071, B 2099, B 2134 and B 2269, will be there after treated by this Corporation as null and void.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, G. E. NOBLE, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, October 1, 1889. 1809

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eighth Ordinary General Meeting of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Underigned, at 12 o'clock (noon), on MONDAY, the 28th October instant.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, October 7, 1889. 1893

CHAS. J. GAUFF & Co.,

Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOYAGERS' COMPASSES, BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.

REPAIRS OF LAMPS AND OTHER COMPLEMENTS.

NAUTICAL CHARTS.

English Silver & Electro-Plated Ware.

Christofle & Co.'s Electro-Plated Ware.

GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY.

In great variety.

DIA MONDS.

DIAMOND JEWELLERY.

A Splendid Collection of the Latest London Jewellers, at very moderate prices. 148

VICTORIA PUBLIC SCHOOL, YOKOHAMA.

THIS SCHOOL, situated in a very healthy position on the Bay, provides good EDUCATION FOR BOYS from 8 to 17. Boarders taken. Prospectus with Office of this Paper.

G. H. HINTON, M.A., Oxon, Head Master.

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.

MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG, Surgeon Dentist.

(FORMERLY ATTENDED APPOINTMENT AND LATERLY ASSISTANT TO DR. ROBERTS.)

T he urgent request of his European and American patients and friends, has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied by Dr. Roberts.

No. 3, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families.

2, DUDDELL STREET, (Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1885. 66

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS, if sent to the Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Under- signed is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the same of satisfaction.

D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, August 26, 1889. 1468

Business Notices.

LANE CRAWFORD & Co.

A NEW SHIPMENT OF

PIANOS by Haake,

IRON FRAMES, SOLID CASES,

Specially constructed for the Climate, \$300 AND UPWARDS.

AN EXCELLENT SELECTION OF

COLLARD & COLLARD PIANOS, COTTAGES AND SEMI-GRANDS,

Specially constructed for the Climate, NEW MODELS, \$350 AND UPWARDS.

A New Stock of Music.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, October 11, 1889. 1992

ROBERT LANG & Co.,

Tailors, Hatters, Shirmakers and Gentlemen's Outfitters.

WE HAVE JUST OPENED OUT OUR

NEW AUTUMN GOODS,

consisting of:

A Large and Choice Selection of COATINGS for Morning and Evening Dress.

A very Stylish Lot of TWEEDS, Now in Design and Material, and a varied Assortment of TROUSERS in all the Newest Patterns.

QUEEN'S ROAD (opposite HONGKONG HOTEL), Hongkong, September 14, 1889. 1790

Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Office (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East. The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOT is always provided and served in the spacious, large Dining Hall.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE, Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1889. 1613

W. POWELL & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED EX STEAMSHIP SARPEDON.

A N ENTIRELY NEW STOCK OF

KEROSENE AND COAL HEATING STOVES,

very suitable for Drying Rooms;

Also,

KEROSENE AND COAL COOKING STOVES

in all Sizes.

W. POWELL & Co.

VICTORIA BUILDING, October 4, 1889. 1915

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG MARINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Statutory MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 2, P. Aguilera Street, on THURSDAY, the 24th instant, at Noon.

By Order of the Directors, J. A. BARRETT, Secretary.

Hongkong, October 9, 1889. 1944

WINDSOR HOUSE,

No. 8, Queen's Road Central, PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE, AND FAMILY HOTEL.

This Establishment is situated in a most central position, opposite the Telegraph Office and two doors from the Chartered Bank. It offers FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION to RESIDENTS and TRAVELLERS, has a Spacious Dining Room, and a large number of well furnished Bed-Rooms with all comforts. A Good Table kept. TABLE D'HOT.—Breakfast, 3.30 p.m.; Dinner, 1 p.m.; Dinner, 7.30 p.m. BOARD by the Month, Day, or Single Meals, at reasonable rates. ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO SERVE MEALS IN GENTLEMEN'S QUARTERS. CONTINENTAL LANGUAGES SPOKEN.

Mrs. BOHM, Proprietress.

Hongkong, August 30, 1889. 1692

HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LTD.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

3 to 10 a.m. every quarter of an hour.

12 to 2 p.m. " " half hour.

4 to 8 " " " " " " " "

THURSDAYS.

NIGHT TRAMS at 10.30 and 11 p.m.

SUNDAYS.

10.40 a.m.; 12 to 1.30 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

4 to 8 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

8.10, 10.30 and 11 p.m.

Special CARS may be obtained on application to the SUPERINTENDENT.

Single Tickets are sold in the Cars; Five-Cent Coupons and Reduced Tickets at the Office.

MADEWEN PRICKEL & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, May 1, 1889. 921

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of 8% for the Half Year ending 30th June, 1889, has been declared by the Board of Directors, and DIVIDEND WARRANTS will be issued on 1st October, at the Head Office of the Company.

ROBT. BAIRD, Agent.

Hongkong, September 30, 1889. 1993

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, \$5,000,000.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 2,500,000.

RESERVE FUND, 1,250,000.

Board of Directors: HON. J. J. KESWICK, Chairman.

HON. G. P. CHATELAIN, Vice-Chairman.

E. A. SOLOMON, Esq.

J. S. MOSES, Esq.

S. O. MICHAELSEN, Esq.

G. E. NOBLE, Esq.

LEE SING, Esq.

POON FONG, Esq.

Bankers: THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

MONEY ADVANCED ON MORTGAGE, ON LAND OR BUILDINGS, PROPERTIES.

PURCHASED AND SOLD.

Estates managed, and all kinds of Agency and Commission Business relating to Land, &c., conducted.

Full Particulars can be obtained at the Company's OFFICE, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.

A SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

Victoria Building, Hongkong, 3rd May, 1889. 944

THE CHINESE AMUSEMENTS SYNDICATE, LIMITED.

WILL open their GROUNDS at BOW-RINGTON in about a fortnight's time and solicit the Patronage of the Public.

SWITCHBACK RAILWAY.

STEAM ROUNDABOUT.

SHOOTING GALLERIES.

AUNT SALLIES.

MAGIC LANTERNS.

A VARIETY OF OTHER AMUSEMENTS, &c., &c.

No. 1, Inland Road, on the Ground.

By Order, J. A. BARRETT, Secretary.

Hongkong, October 5, 1889. 1920

Intimations.

ST JOHN'S LODGE

OF HONGKONG, No. 618, S.C.

A Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREE-MASON'S HALL, Zealand Street, THIS EVENING, the 12th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially invited.

Hongkong, October 12, 1889. 1932

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1165.

A Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREE-MASON'S HALL, Zealand Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially invited.

Hongkong, October 10, 1889. 1950

THE PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that a CALL of TEN DOLLARS per SHARE is hereby made and is Payable at the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, as follows:

FIVE DOLLARS per Share on the 15th November, 1889.

FIVE DOLLARS per Share on the 15th February, 1890.

Interest will be at the Rate of 12% per Annum will be chargeable on all Calls unpaid on due dates.

By Order of the Board, J. WHELELY, Secretary.

Hongkong, October 10, 1889. 1949

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A DIVIDEND OF SEVEN DOLLARS per Share for the year 1888 will be Payable on FRIDAY, the 11th instant.

WARRANTS may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after that date.

By Order of the Board, N. J. EDE, Secretary.

Hongkong, October 10, 1889. 1947

LOST.

THE Underigned 100 SHARES of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, being the Property of the Underigned, having been LOST, the Public are warned against negotiating same.

50 Shares, L. MENDEL, B 2091, 1465/66, 4645/50, 50 Shares.

10 Shares, W. D. SPENCER, B 2099, 3280/2889, 10 Shares.

20 Shares, W. D. SPENCER, B 2134, 5390/23, 5734/40, 25 Shares.

15 Shares, W. H. GARRICK, B 2269, 2718/2719, 15 Shares.

100 Shares.

THE TRANSFER of these SHARES has been STOPPED at the Bank.

Intimations.

THE CHINA REVIEW.

PUBLISHED MONTHLY.

THIS Review, which was intended to meet the wants of many students of Chinese history and literature, has reached its eighteenth volume. The Review discusses those topics which are of interest to the minds of students of the Far East, and about which every intelligent person connected with China or Japan should be acquiring trustworthy information. It includes many interesting notes and original papers on the Arts, Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Natural History, Antiquities, and Social Institutions of China, Japan, Korea, and the Far East generally. Recently a new departure has been taken, and the Review now gives papers on Trade, Commerce, and Descriptive notes of travel by well-known writers. It was thought that by extending the scope of the Review in this direction, the Magazine would be made more generally useful.

The Review department receives special attention, and endeavours are made to present a careful and concise record of literature on China, Japan, and the Far East, and to give critical sketches of the most recent works on such topics. Authors and Publishers are requested to forward works to "Editor, China Review, care of China Mail Office."

The Notes and Queries are still continued, and form an important means of obtaining from and diffusing among students knowledge on obscure points.

The Correspondents' column also affords further and greater facilities for the interchange of views and discussion of various topics.

Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, or any of the Modern Languages are received. The papers are contributed by the members of the various Consular, Imperial Customs, Hongkong Service, and also by the Missionary bodies amongst whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is assiduously cultivated. Amongst the regular contributors are Drs. Gilmour, Eitel, Bretschneider, and Hirth, Professor Leggo, and Messrs. Balfour, Watters, Shaw, Phillips, MacIntyre, Groot, Jamieson, Faber, Kopsch, Parker, Playfair, Giles, Pison, and Taylor—all well-known names, indicative of sound scholarship and thorough mastery of their subject.

The Subscription is fixed at \$5.00 per annum, postage included—payable in advance.

Orders for binding volumes will be promptly attended to; Address, "Manager, China Mail Office."

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

"All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and enterprising Review."—*Northern Christian Advocate* (U.S.).

"The China Review" has an excellent table of contents.

"The Review contains always a subject of interest to reformers in the Far East and the present issue will hold favourably if not advantageously comparison, with preceding numbers."—*Catholic Empire*.

"This number contains several articles of interest and value. *North-China Herald*. "The China Review for September-October fully maintains the high standard of excellence which characterizes that publication, and altogether forms a very interesting and readable number. Most especially will find an interesting and valuable contribution by Dr. Fritzsche, on 'the Amount of Precipitation (Rain and Snow) of Peking,' showing the results of observations made at the Imperial Russian Observatory at Peking, from 1841 to 1880. 'Notes on the Daily Occupation of Formosa,' by Mr. Geo. Phillips, contains some interesting information, although much of it is second-hand. The Notices of New Books include a most generous and appreciative review of 'The Divine Classics of the Chinese,' and the Notes and Queries are a usual very interesting."—*North-China Daily News*.

"A substantial and reliable Review which all students of China and the Orient would do well to patronize."—*Uhrigianian*.

The November-December number of the *China Review* contains less variety than usual, but the few articles are very interesting. The opening paper by Mr. Herbert A. Giles on "The New Testament in Chinese" treats of a question that must necessarily be of great importance to the missionaries of all missions. Mr. E. H. Parker's "Short Journeys in Szechuen" are continued, and a goodly instalment of these travels in the interior of China is given. Mr. F. H. Balfour contributes a paper of some length entitled "The Emperor Cheng Tsung and his Successors," which will be read with genuine interest by students of Chinese history. A few short notices of New Books and a number of Notes and Queries, one of which "On Chinese Oaths in Western Form," and "On the Appropriation of the Chinese Character 'Hsin' to the Chinese Character 'Hsin'." The present publication, judging by the number now intended to be issued, to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, some what similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Calcutta Review*. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social development, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable, and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the *China Review* of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authorities.

Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-p'o, by Mr. E. C. Boveri, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, it carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes and Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the *China Review*, and that the Review may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance.

Our Jobbing Department, having just been replenished with a large assortment of the latest European and American NOVELTIES, we are prepared to execute orders for FANCY WORK, and to receive and despatch, and of every moderate order.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

To-day's Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.

The Co.'s Steamship "Venus," Captain P. O. S. N. Co., will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 15th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, October 12, 1889. 1964

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship "Malacca."

will leave for the above place about 24 hours after her arrival with the outward English Mail.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, October 12, 1889. 1959

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI AND KOBE.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship "Aomori."

will leave for the above places on FRIDAY, the 25th Instant, at Daylight.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, October 12, 1889. 1963

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, PORT SAID, MALTA, GHEHALTAR, MARSEILLES, BRINDISI, ANCONA, TRIESTE, VENICE, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

1889.

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA AND AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through bills of Lading for SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID, MALTA, GHEHALTAR, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, BRINDISI, ANCONA, TRIESTE, VENICE, PLYMOUTH, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship "PESHAWAR," Captain L. H. MOORE, with 400 Tons, will be despatched from this for LONDON, via BOMBAY AND SUZ CANAL, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd October, at Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing.

Passengers and Goods (Freight) at the rates of 4 p.m. on the day before sailing.

Suez Canal and Aden, 10 p.m. on the day before sailing.

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Business Notices.

THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OP. CO., LD.

Ladies' Tailors, Dressmakers, Milliners, Mantle-makers, &c., &c.

ARE now showing in their LADIES' and CHILDREN'S OUTFITTING DEPARTMENTS their FIRST DELIVERY of NEW AUTUMN and WINTER GOODS, comprising a large variety of the LATEST NOVELTIES in BACON'S SILKS and VELVETS, FANCY CO-LOURED LENGTHS, CASHMERE, MERINO, NUBS-VELVETS, TWEEDS and BLENDS, in all colours.

Also New Laces, Tulle and Frillings. New Gloves in Silk and Sateen (all colours). New Hosiery in Lumber, Wool, Merino, Cotton and Silk. New Ribbons in Fancy and Plain, also Silk Ribbons in newest shades. New Flowers, Feathers, Agrettes, Ornaments, &c. New Trimmings and Fancy Leather Goods. New Boots and Shoes; also a large assortment of Satin Evening Shoes in Cream, White Sky, Pink, Cardinal, Black and Old Gold. New Underclothing, Dressing Gowns, Corsets, Bath Coats and Umbrellas, Mantles, Jockey, Travelling Underwear, &c. suitable for the coming season. New Hats and Bonnets in Straw and Felt; also a choice selection of Trimmings in the latest Parisian Fashions. Our Stock of Evening Goods is now replete with everything suitable, viz.:—New Silks and Satins, Gowns, Pearl Nets and Laces, Bridal Nets, Fans, &c., &c. A large variety of Blankets, Shagwens, Calicoes, Draw Quilts, &c.; also Household Linens of every description kept in stock. 1,500 pairs of Ladies' Corsets in a Cream and White, from \$1.50 per pair.

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To-day's Advertisements.

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will run a TRIP round the ISLAND (weather permitting), TO-MORROW (Sunday), the 13th October.

Starting from Paddar's Wharf at 9 o'clock in the afternoon.

Fares:—First-class, \$1.00.

Second-class, \$0.50.

A. G. GORDON, Secretary.

Hongkong, October 12, 1889. 1961

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have been instructed by the HONGKONG AUCTIONEERS' SOCIETY, OFFICE, China, to Sell by Public Auction, or

WEDNESDAY,

the 16th day of October, 1889, at 11 a.m., at Her Majesty's Ordnance Stores, Queen's Road East,—

THE FOLLOWING

GOVERNMENT STORES, ETC.,

BOAT WHARF, BILLIARD BALLS, CAMBRAS, MOPS, MINERS' LAMPS, JUNK, TOOLS IN CHEST, JARVIS GALT, WOOLLEN RAGS, CAST AND WROUGHT IRON, OLD IRON, CASKS, PACKING CASES, IRON DRUMS, SHOT, TACKLES, OLD TIMBER, WATERPROOF COATS, LEATHERS, UMBRELLAS, &c., &c.

Also,

A QUANTITY OF

WORN-OUT CLOTHING.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All faults and errors of description at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer. All Lots to be cleared within 48 hours.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, October 12, 1889. 1957

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Hongkong, October 12, 1889. 1963

NOW READY.

THE REVENUE OF CHINA.

A SERIES OF ARTICLES, Reprinted from "The China Mail."

WITH AN APPENDIX.

THIS PAMPHLET is now Ready, and may be had at the

Office of this PAPER, Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., 55, Queen's Road East, and Mr. W. B. BURNETT'S, Price, 60 Cents.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

AMPHITRITE, German ship, Captain B. Borell—Order.

CATHERINE, Danish brig, Captain H. I. Hansen.—Bismarck & Co.

E. GRAHAM, British barque, Captain C. Hodges.—Adamson & Bell & Co.

IRIS, British schooner, Captain H. O. Swan.—Captain.

MARABOTT, British ship, Capt. Ferguson.—Adamson & Bell & Co.

NELLIE M. SLADE, American barquentine, Capt. J. O. Tuxford.—Captain.

OCCIDENTAL, American ship, Captain W. Taylor.—Reuter Blochmann & Co.

PERSEUS, British barque, Captain John Inokuy.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

ROBERT B. BURNETT, British ship, Capt. Andrews.—Adamson & Bell & Co.

SARUMA, British barque, Captain A. G. Swenson.—Edwards Schellhaus & Co.

Hongkong, October 12, 1889. 1963

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SINGAPORE:—

Per "Slate," at 9.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 15th inst.

For STRAITS & CALOUTTA:—

Per "Wingway," at 2.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 15th inst.

For STRAITS, COLOMBO & BOMBAY:—

Per "Kaira," at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 15th inst.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA:—

Per "Anzuma," at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 24th inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET:—

The French Contract Packet "Caledonia" will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 16th October, with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, via Marseilles, to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, Madras, the Australian Colonies, Aden, India, the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET:—

The British Contract Packet "Peshawar" will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd October, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and countries beyond, via Brindisi, to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Borneo, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

HOURS OF CLOSING THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH MAILS.

When the Packets leave at Noon.

The following hours will be observed in closing the Mails for Europe, &c., by the English and French Packets, when they leave at Noon. The Money Order Office will be closed at 5 p.m. before.

8.00 a.m.—Posting of Presses Current and Circulars ceases.

(Presses Current and Circulars may however be posted up to 10 o'clock if they are in bundles, country by country, with the addresses all one way.)

10.00 a.m.—Registry ceases.

10.30 a.m.—Posting of Newspapers, Books, and Patterns ceases.

11.00 a.m.—Mail closes.

LATE LETTERS may be posted (from 11.00 a.m.) with 10 cents late fee up to 11.30 a.m., after which hour they may be sent on Board with the same Late Fee.

Letters parcels &c. for Tim-shu-tai (Kowloon) and steamers in Harbour may be posted in the General Post Office up to 11.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.

Letters from Tim-shu-tai may be posted in the Letter Box which has been placed in the Police Station Compound up to 12 and 4 o'clock.

Local rates will be charged.

To avoid robbery, senders of letters from Kowloon are requested to cancel their stamps by writing the word "cancelled" across them.

Covers containing Bank Notes, Jewellery, &c. should be registered.

There will be no Sunday delivery.

PEAR DELIVERY. Letters, &c. will be delivered by the 12 and 4 o'clock Trains only. Correspondence for the Peak may be posted in the General Post Office up to 11.30 a.m. or 3.30 p.m., or in the Letter Boxes in the City Hill time of departure.

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Mr. M. Boyd Brodon, who has been Acting Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai for over a year, has been transferred to New-chwang. Mr. Hillier will act as Commissioner at Shanghai pending a new appointment.

Mr. R. Fraser Smith, editor and proprietor of the *Hongkong Telegraph*, applied to-day at the Magistracy for a summons against Mr. O'Connell for criminal libel. The summons was granted, and the case will be heard on Monday. The charge is based on an alleged defamatory letter from the defendant to the complainant.

The trial of the men charged with the murder of Captain O'Brien is proceeding at Shanghai. There was some difficulty at first with the Spanish authorities, one of the prisoners being a native of Manila, but it seems to have been overcome. Two or three of the prisoners admit that they were no evidence were discharged, leaving only the Manila man and the cook.

The Secretary of the London Chamber of Commerce writes, in an interesting style, to the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce soliciting its co-operation in a movement for the reduction of postal rates to the Far East. It is well known that our rates are higher than the French. A letter posted in the French Post Office at Shanghai costs less than a letter posted in the British. A part of the difference is due to the rates charged for the passage of the mails through Italy and France. We observed recently that these rates were going to be reduced, and the Post Office authorities ought now to be in a position to make some concession to the London Chamber. We do not think, however, that this agitation for the reduction of postal rates to the Far East is a matter that need interest the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce. Ten cents per half ounce is a very moderate charge for a letter, and if the rate were reduced to seven or even five cents, the saving to merchants in India and China would scarcely be appreciable. We do not believe it will lead to any increase in the volume of mail matter. European residents in the Far East are mostly people who can well afford to pay ten cents for a letter, and would never refrain from correspondence for the sake of the cost. With the Australian colonies of course it is quite different. A reduction of the rate to them would likely lead to such a great increase in the number of letters and papers as would compensate the Post Office. No profit is made out of the carriage of the mails to the Far East at present. If the rates were reduced, the deficit would either have to be made good by an increase of the contribution made by the Colony, which would simply be robbing Peter to pay Paul; or would have to come out of the pockets of the taxpayers at Home, who are not likely to throw away a part of their hard-earned earnings for the sake of cheapening the postage to a few well-to-do British residents in the Far East.

Some trouble being apprehended at Kiang-tse, details which have not been received, H.M.S. Porpoise went down there yesterday from Hankow on Friday last week.

A Chinese Company is being started, with the sanction and encouragement of the Provincial Government, to work the silver mines of Ping-tien Chai, Kwei Hien, Kuang-shi Province, which are reported as very rich in that precious metal.

From Hankow under date the 4th inst. we hear that the water was raised there very rapidly, a good 12 inches in the last 24 hours. It was well over the Bund, and it was expected that sampans would be required on Saturday to get about the settlement.—*N. C. Daily News*.

The *Hu Pao* of Sunday, 5th October, publishes an account from Hangchow addressed to a native charitable society called Jen-tai Shun Tang (Beneficent Aid Society), calling for help for the sufferers from the floods in the Province of Chékiang, and making some startling statements about the extent of the distress there. This, it says, is as great as in Roman or Shantung, for it involves eleven Prefectures, and the number of people drowned being given as 100,000.

Larger accounts from the River ports state that the waters of the Yangtze have risen to an extraordinary height, and that Hangchow Bund is under water. This means that the river has risen a great many feet above its normal level at this season of the year. We hear that there is terrible suffering all along the river, and that in many extensive districts the crops, which were already late, have been irretrievably ruined, while there must also have been enormous loss of life.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

The *Shanghai Mercury* says:—The Chelco Telegraph Convention of 1887, we hear on undoubted authority, has been signed by Li Hung-chang, and not only awaits the ratification of the Tung-shi Yamen. But we sincerely trust that the Yamen will not sacrifice the interests of China and of Foreigners resident in the country to the miserable little consideration of the subsidy which the Great Eastern and Great Northern Companies hold out as a price for their monopoly.

The Chinese Government—The Emperor has issued several decrees to the Governor to at once fill up the gaps, and still more to provide for the destitute. One hundred piculs, or 1,000,000 catties of grain have been ordered to be retained for immediate distribution. A distinguished Belgian mining-engineer, who is now in the employ of the Chinese Government—Mr. Bruijs—has been here and was handsomely received by the Governor and taken out to see one of the many gaps in the Yellow River. He has since left for the south.

DEATHS AND DISTRESS caused by excessive rain and floods are reported from various parts of China. At Yangchow new rice is at \$2.95 the shi, or picul, old rice over \$3.00; flour, at 200 cash per 100 catties, and bean-oil at \$7.50 a picul, and still rising. A letter from Kwangtung Province says that the distress in the Chékiang and Kiang-chow districts (the latter from the River from Swatow) is greater than it has ever been since the seventh and eighth years of Rien Fung (1857-8), the sale of women and children by people unable to find food for them in their own homes having become quite frequent.

The Bombay people of all classes and creeds have shown themselves both singularly unanimous and extremely earnest in their protest against the proposal to make Sunday the day of departure for the homeward mail from their port. The two leading daily papers, which are not always in accord, both appeared on the 18th September with full reports, six columns long, of the speeches delivered and the resolutions passed at the town's meeting held in the Town Hall on the previous evening; and both had leading articles endorsing the arguments of the orators. These last may fairly be said to have represented all the different communities and interests of the town. From the Bishop, who does not desire to see the churches emptied by business calls on Sunday, to the Volunteers who are able to get a Saturday afternoon half-holiday for their weekly parade when the mail work has been got out of the way, but who would have to resume at their desks if the mail steamer were to leave port on Sunday, the European population is unanimous to a man (and a woman) in condemning and resenting the proposed change. The influential Native community also is equally strong in opposition. Hindu, Mohammedan, and Christian, one day of rest in the week almost as much as the Christians.—*Indian Daily News*.

DISCOVERY OF A GALENA LODE IN HONGKONG.

It would appear that Hongkong has been badly mislaid by those who have hitherto described it as a place devoid of mineral wealth. An enterprising resident has for a few months past been making certain investigations, the result of which has been to prove the existence of a lode of galena, quite close to the city, which it is hoped and believed will turn out to be very valuable. The discoverer is Mr. J. Grant Smith, a gentleman well known in the colony. In an interview to-day he communicated the following particulars to a representative of this paper:—

There is no mistake about the discovery (said Mr. Grant Smith); it was made by me some time ago, and twenty other people have been making it since. I wanted to satisfy myself about it before making it public, and I have had a number of parties employed at the place laying the rock bare. Pieces of ore have been carried down stream and picked up by coolies and others, and the thing has got talked about.

Well, in July last I went and made an examination of a portion of the hill where the rock had been exposed by the rain-storms washing away the earth. What I saw then satisfied me that the thing was worth looking into. I have been making investigations for about two months, and what I found is now pronounced by proper authorities to be a lode of galena, probably containing silver and other minerals.

Is this the first discovery of the same kind that has been made in the Colony? It is, so far as I know.

No doubt you had an idea you would find something of the sort when you went to examine the place?

I knew that the denudation of the rocks must be very great, in consequence of the quantity of water that fell, and that the conditions were very favourable for discovering anything of the kind. I had observed the appearance of the rocks there, and felt certain it indicated something like what I found. My attention was attracted by the abundance of iron pyrites, some of which I took home and analyzed.

A well-known authority on mining says a metallic lode seldom shows its contents in their true condition near the surface, because it is there in a more or less decomposed condition. Well, you will see that the lode which I have been making out is in a state of perfect preservation, in which the iron, in the form of pyrites, has become an oxide by its exposure to the atmosphere, and presents a rusty appearance. It is quite true this might indicate nothing below but iron pyrites, but naturally I suspected the existence of metals of more value. Now the favourable indications for a lead lode are here—viz., the authority I have already referred to says, are found in a loose, sandy loam, consisting of quartz, carbonate of lime and other sparry matter, with lead lying in the interstices.

What about the existence of silver in the lode?

I have no doubt about the silver being there, but of course I can't say anything on that point at present, no assay having been made. The fact is, it may become a question whether this is a lead mine or a silver mine. On the top, at all events, it looks very favourable. The lode, so far as we can make out, is about a yard wide—that is the lode consisting of quartz, carbonate of lime and other sparry matter, with lead lying in the interstices. About what is to be done with regard to the discovery I shall only say at present that it is quite possible the revenue of the colony may be very soon benefited by it—perhaps to the extent of paying the expense of repairing the damage done by the great rainstorm.

THE CHINESE AMUSEMENTS SYNDICATE.

The adjourned statutory meeting of shareholders in the Chinese Amusements Syndicate was held to-day. Mr. R. Fraser Smith presided, and there were also present:—Messrs A. Denison, A. B. Roddy, Mak Lai, and J. A. Harrold (Secretary).

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, this is the statutory meeting of this company, and there is really no business to be brought before you; only I am very pleased to be able to say that the work in connection with the Syndicate has been carried on so economically, and with such efficient officers, that the shareholders have been made to open the grounds at Bowington on Wednesday week. We have done everything we possibly could to make the show as attractive as possible, and we have every reason to believe they will prove a great success. I trust that at the first regular meeting we shall be in a position to show the shareholders of this company an excellent proof of their original investment. That is all the business, gentlemen, at present.

EASTERN POSTAL RATES.

The following letter has been sent to us for publication:—

The London Chamber of Commerce, 1st August, 1889.

Henderson, Esq., Secretary, Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of yours of 1st August and am pleased to share your gratification that united action of the various Chambers has proved successful in securing the privileges of foreign mail steamers in Eastern waters. I trust that this experience of the value of united action will enable us to co-operate often and on other matters of mutual interest.

I enclose a Circular showing what we have done in regard to Eastern Postal Rates, but although my plans were carefully laid to raise a debate in Parliament in regard to the same, when the Postal Budget should come under discussion, they were defeated owing to the sudden and unexpected withdrawal of the Tithes Bill, which brought on the discussion of the Postal Budget in the small hours of the morning, when it was impossible to bring members of Parliament together in any numbers. Next session however I hope to take measures early and at least to make the Post Office feel that its action in under-estimating the value of the service and every opportunity until we get the rates reduced.

I trust therefore you will be good enough to communicate with the other Eastern Chambers on this subject and to continue to agitate actively from your side both through the Press and by Official communications of all kinds.

I am, Dear Sir, yours faithfully,

(Sd.) KENNEDY B. MURRAY, Secretary.

'FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR.

That the desire on the part of the community to preserve and do honour to the memory of Frederick Stewart is perhaps the most universal and spontaneous feeling by which the residents of this Colony have ever been actuated.

That I hear steps are being taken to carry out the general wish.

That it is to be hoped, whatever may be the form of memorial to be determined upon, the subscribers will make it as nearly as possible in conformity with the life-long aims of the man whom it is intended to honour.

That the name of Frederick Stewart could not be more appropriately commemorated here than by a memorial in connection with the educational institutions of this Colony.

That the lack of promptness and the absence of system, which are unfortunately the prominent features of our storm warnings, ought to be thoroughly reformed, reformed and re-reformed before the next typhoon season.

That the information that a typhoon is raging in the China Sea is certainly news for which Hongkong residents ought to be thankful, seeing that it comes to them as an act of grace from the Manila authorities.

That two or three subsequent messages were received concerning the same storm, of which due publicity was not given.

That the Director of the Observatory has hoisted his drum on the eastern yard-arm, which action indicates the interesting fact that a typhoon is blowing to the East of the Colony.

That so long as there is any possibility that the typhoon is not abating itself for a visit to this Island, little trouble appears to be taken to obtain information of its movements.

That a typhoon to the East or the West of Hongkong is more likely to affect vessels which are about to leave this Harbour than it is to disturb vessels in this port.

That it is reassuring to learn that a dinner and a smoking concert are to be given at Shanghai in honour of our Cricketing team after the friendly match has been played.

That, whatever may be the true explanation of the circumstance, the fact remains that the Guests' Team of Cricketers usually get the worst of the game.

That in Crickets, as with many other amusements or recreations of life, form and condition usually mean success.

That the hospitality and the pleasant intercourse will be enjoyable whatever may be the result of the play, and the Hongkongites can have their innings as hosts later on.

That the Sanitary Board has not succeeded in pleasing His Excellency the Governor by their scheme of Refuse-Disposal.

That, if my memory does not fail me, the members of the Committee did not please themselves individually, but made martyrs of themselves, and accepted something which would be tried as an experiment, and (if found wanting) could be thrown over.

That the Mongkut-McCallum scheme might have been tested in a similar way, with the approval of His Excellency.

That the Governor does not propose to forbid the Board's scheme being carried out, but merely wishes his hands off all responsibility connected with it.

That Mr. R. K. Leigh has given an opinion upon the Separate System of Drainage which will be generally approved.

That that system has been condemned pretty heartily by every one who knows anything about the Colony and its real requirements; but when an experienced M. L. C. E., who is also possessed of local knowledge, places his opinion on record—that the introduction of the Separate System here would be a public calamity—it is time that the responsible officials of the Colony should consider their ways.

That you are perhaps a little too hard upon Mr. Cooper, and if I had been quietly edged into a tight place, as the Sanitary Surveyor has been by Messrs Danby and Leigh, I would have perhaps endeavoured to get out of it in the same way as he has done.

That there is one important fact which this gentleman of many capacities seems to have overlooked in his calculations as to the width of drain pipes—that, as pointed out by Messrs Danby and Leigh) although the average for two hours may be only 7 inches, it often rains at the rate of 5 inches for ten or fifteen minutes of that time.

That the cardinal mistake which Mr. Cooper has made is that he has cast in his lot with the previous regime of the Public Works Department, and most of his inconsistencies arise from his consistent and persistent support of the exploded policy of the late Surveyor General.

That as we, save Macchiavelli or Richelieu could carry on the particular line of policy adopted by these great diplomats, and to compare great things with small, Mr. Cooper has tried to accomplish a task too large for his attainments.

That, as was generally anticipated, the post of Colonial Secretary has been bestowed upon a gentleman outside of the Hongkong circle, whose claims were regarded by the Colonial Office too strong to be overlooked.

That if a large acquaintance with different Colonies and with a varied assortment of offices in these dependencies, got for anything, Mr. Francis Fleming ought to be a public servant of great experience.

The British barque *St. Julien* is here loaded for the New York market. Business is very slack for this time of the year. I think the foreign trade of the Port is getting less and less every year; and when Kowloon Harbour is deepened the trade of Amoy, with the exception of local produce, will be nil.

The R. C. Liang left this morning for Swatow, where I believe she is to be stationed for some time.

The tigers will soon be holding high carnival over the approaching departure, on a well-earned holiday, of their indefatigable slayer.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

The following is the Report for presentation to the shareholders at the eighth ordinary general meeting, to be held at the offices of the General Agents, on Monday, October 28th, 1889, at noon:—

The General Agents and Consulting Committee have now the pleasure of laying before the shareholders the final Accounts for the year 1888, and an open Statement of the present year's working to 30th September 1889. The balance at credit of the 1888 Working Account is \$426,607.40, out of which the sum of \$234,225.18 has already been paid for Dividend of 10% to Shareholders, and a bonus of 20% to contributors of premium.

The remaining balance of \$192,382.22 has been decided, subject to the approval of Shareholders, to dispose of by adding to Reserve Fund the sum of \$113,000, thereby increasing it to \$417,000, paying a Final Dividend to Shareholders of \$2 per Share, making the total interest for the year \$7 per Share, equivalent to 14% on the paid-up Capital, and carrying forward the sum of \$59,382.22 to meet possible losses, and thus close the Account for 1888.

1889 Account.—The estimated profit on the Working Account of the present year, after making every allowance, is \$498,203.86.

Consulting Committee.—During the past year, Mr. C. D. Bottomley resigned his seat on the Committee, and Mr. T. E. Davies has been invited to take his place. This appointment now requires the confirmation of the Shareholders. The other members, Messrs Ryrie, Dalrymple, Layton, and Solomon, retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election, as under Section 15 of the Articles of Association 5 Members have to be appointed to serve with the Chairman of the Consulting during the ensuing financial year.

Auditors.—The General Agents and Consulting Committee recommend the re-election of Messrs G. S. Coxon and F. Henderson as Auditors of the Office.

JARVIS, MAXWELL & Co., General Agents, Canton Insurance Office Limited.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1888.

Liabilities.

Capital subscribed, \$2,500,000.00

Amount paid-up, ... 500,000.00

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The R. C. Liang left this morning for Swatow, where I believe she is to be stationed for some time.

The tigers will soon be holding high carnival over the approaching departure, on a well-earned holiday, of their indefatigable slayer.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

The following is the Report for presentation to the shareholders at the eighth ordinary general meeting, to be held at the offices of the General Agents, on Monday, October 28th, 1889, at noon:—

The General Agents and Consulting Committee have now the pleasure of laying before the shareholders the final Accounts for the year 1888, and an open Statement of the present year's working to 30th September 1889. The balance at credit of the 1888 Working Account is \$426,607.40, out of which the sum of \$234,225.18 has already been paid for Dividend of 10% to Shareholders, and a bonus of 20% to contributors of premium.

The remaining balance of \$192,382.22 has been decided, subject to the approval of Shareholders, to dispose of by adding to Reserve Fund the sum of \$113,000, thereby increasing it to \$417,000, paying a Final Dividend to Shareholders of \$2 per Share, making the total interest for the year \$7 per Share, equivalent to 14% on the paid-up Capital, and carrying forward the sum of \$59,382.22 to meet possible losses, and thus close the Account for 1888.

1889 Account.—The estimated profit on the Working Account of the present year, after making every allowance, is \$498,203.86.

Consulting Committee.—During the past year, Mr. C. D. Bottomley resigned his seat on the Committee, and Mr. T. E. Davies has been invited to take his place. This appointment now requires the confirmation of the Shareholders. The other members, Messrs Ryrie, Dalrymple, Layton, and Solomon, retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election, as under Section 15 of the Articles of Association 5 Members have to be appointed to serve with the Chairman of the Consulting during the ensuing financial year.

Auditors.—The General Agents and Consulting Committee recommend the re-election of Messrs G. S. Coxon and F. Henderson as Auditors of the Office.

JARVIS, MAXWELL & Co., General Agents, Canton Insurance Office Limited.

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